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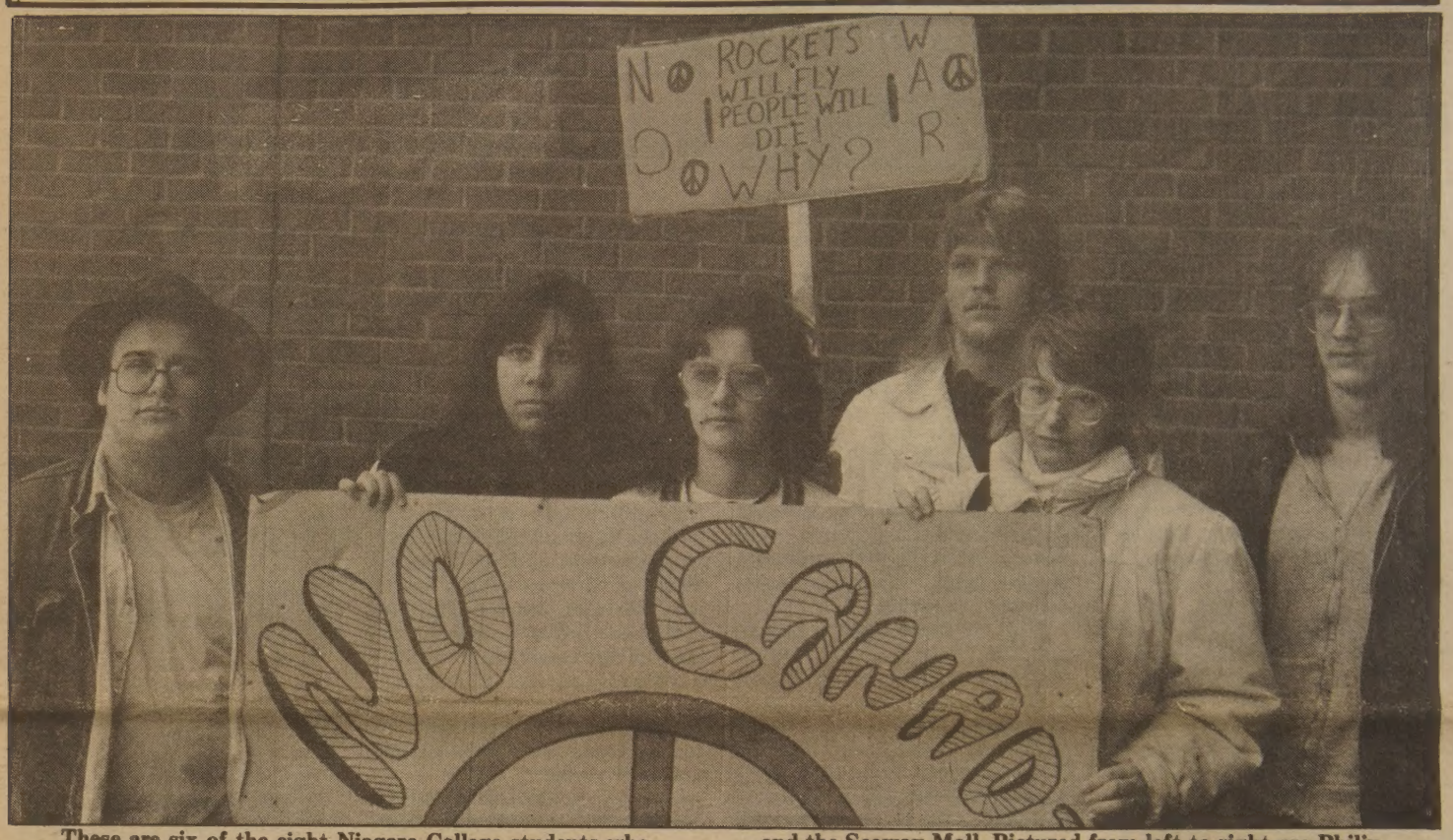

These are six of the eight Niagara College students who demonstrated for peace Tuesday, hours before the UN-imposed midnight deadline for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to leave Kuwait. They walked from the college to Welland city hall, the new Democratic Party office on East Main Street, and the Seaway Mall. Pictured from left to right are Philip Mansfield, Julie Vandervaart, Janis Fyke, Kirk Richardson, Melda Main, and Chris Brown. Kirk and Chris have friends in the Canadian forces who they believe are stationed in the Persian Gulf.

Photo by Robbie Craine

Teachers disagree over military action

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

Two Niagara College instructors differ in their views of the U.S.-led invasion into Iraq and Kuwait.

Eugene Maltais, political science instructor, favors the action of the United Nations in its effort to oust Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from Kuwait.

John Muggeridge, history instructor, opposes the massive air strikes against Hussein.

"I think the League of Nations made a left-hand turn in the 1930's when they let aggressors take over the Sudatenland, Abyssinia, and Manchuria. I think that last night the UN took a right-hand turn. The League's actions led directly to the Second World War. I hope that the UN action will lead to a long and lasting peace," Mr. Maltais said yesterday morning less than 24 hours after the first air strikes into Iraq and Kuwait.

"I don't think it's a just war," Mr. Muggeridge said yesterday. "Is this worth sacrificing lives for?"

"What are they fighting over ... oil?"

Mr. Muggeridge said world leaders should be alert to the Soviet Union moving into Lithuania while all eyes are on the Middle East. "The Communist Bear hasn't changed," he said.

Mr. Maltais said that since this is a UN operation, a decision for Canada to enter the conflict would be legitimate.

The House of Commons was to continue debate on the issue at 11 a.m. yesterday.

"I think as the realization sinks in that you can't appease aggressors, I think the opposition will have second thoughts," Mr. Maltais said.

Meanwhile, a third instructor sees both sides of the issue.

"There is no ultimate right and wrong," Brian Keppy, political history instructor, said.

He said Hussein was right in his own eyes and the UN was right in its eyes.

Mr. Keppy said the attack was "outstanding" because few lives were lost.

The timing of the attack did not surprise him, he said.

The U.S. had teased Iraqi radar — "like a rabbit punching at someone's face" — flying at the radar and veering off at the last minute, he said.

"U.S. President George Bush had to make a stand," Mr. Keppy said.

He said the attack's timing helped two groups — the pilots and the media.

The pilots benefited from the cover of darkness, the media benefited from the attack taking place during American television prime time, Mr. Keppy said.

Meanwhile, earlier this week eight Niagara College students organized their own peace march, walking from the college to Welland city hall where they met with Welland Mayor Roland Hardy.

The march took place Tuesday morning and afternoon. Residents were asked by the students to sign a peace petition. They got about 100 people to sign the petition.

The students carried a large sign stating: "No Canadian Blood for Oil." They carried a smaller sign stating: "No War, Rockets will fly, people will die, Why" and "Why should my friends die?"

"I couldn't stand to see anybody getting hurt," Philip Mansfield, an 18-year-old general college student, said Tuesday. "It's like another Vietnam coming up."

"I don't want war to happen," Julie Vandervaart, another general college student, said Wednesday.

In Ottawa, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said, "War is always a tragedy but the greater tragedy would have been for criminal aggression to go unchecked."

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Views vary on Gulf war

By ROBERT FINLAY, and JENNIFER BARTKIW
Staff Writers

Students, instructors and support staff at Niagara College have varying opinions about the U.S.-led attack into Iraq and Kuwait.

Less than 24 hours after the massive air strike, some individuals approve while others disagree with the action.

Here are some of the initial reactions given by 10 people interviewed yesterday morning at the Welland campus.

"I'm speechless; it's a horror. God only knows what will happen in the future. Everyone is feeling rather than thinking. The thinking will come later," **Erika Church**, English instructor, said.

"I think they're doing the right thing. I was a soldier myself in 1939 with the Canadian army. It will get worse as they go along. It might turn out to be a world war, but I don't think they had any choice," **General Tisi**, security guard, said.

"I agree with the attack on Iraq. I think they should wipe them (the Iraqi army) right out of there. I don't think it (the war) will go long, though. In a couple of weeks they'll settle it. He (Saddam Hussein) will retreat," **Gord Digout**, first-year general college student, said.

"I don't believe in any war. I'm totally against it. They should have waited. I know the Americans were waiting to go for it. To me it looked like they (the Americans) thought it was a big, exciting game," **Dorry Diemers**, cashier at the mini-cafeteria, said.

"We should have gone in much earlier. I think it's good that Canada went in. I support this action. Hussein did something he shouldn't have by attacking Kuwait, I think going in is helping other people and that's great," **Christine Van Moorsel**, first-year general college student, said.

"I think it was inevitable, and I think we tried everything we could. We have an obligation to the United Nations, because I think it is terrible what he did invading Kuwait. I wasn't surprised. I was under the impression that U.S. President George Bush ordered Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to send troops over there," **Lisa Salvadore**, third-year radio student, said.

"I'm all for it. I'm glad they went in. I think they did the right thing," **John McDowell**, first-year general college student, said.

"We're doing the right thing. We can't let them get away with invading another country. If we don't do anything now it will only get worse. It's good that Canada is there, too," **Ted Wilberforce**, second-year co-op accounting student, said.

"I think it didn't have to be a war. I don't agree with Canadians being there but if they're part of the United Nations they have no choice," **Diane Tatarnuk**, first-year business administration student, said.

"Yes, I agree with the attack. I went home and watched television last night. It was depressing. At first I wasn't on his (Bush's) side, but I am now. I'm glad Canada is there to add more strength to the UN force," **Tammy Jackson**, second-year operations management student, said.

Mack gets clean bill of health

Mack campus has received a clean bill of health in the College of Nurses of Ontario's evaluation.

"It went very well," Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said.

Janice Legg, an RN and educational consultant for the College of Nurses, visited the campus and clinical areas Nov. 7-9. Her report was posted.

Ms. Legg said, in her report, the program is meeting standards of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

During her visit, Ms. Legg met with Miss Cunningham, the Program Committee, faculty representatives, a social science teacher, students, and representatives from five nursing agencies involved with the program. She visited the students in clinical placements, attended a post-clinical conference, and toured the Mack campus.

The evaluation was based on the program's philosophy and objectives, the qualifications of the faculty, the teacher-student ratio, the admission and graduation policies, the curriculum, and the clinical and physical resources available, Miss Cunningham said.

Ms. Legg's report said the Academics Policies and Nursing Students' Handbook should be updated. She reported students receive many assignments and encouraged faculty "to review and evaluate the number of comprehensive clinical assignments required from students both in terms of the time involved to complete these assignments and the outcomes achieved and to examine alternate methods of achieving the desirable outcomes."

Ms. Legg concluded: "This is a well developed program with a number of strengths. These include a well qualified faculty and their active involvement in continuing education, the innovative teaching-learning methods, and the comfort of the students with the Roy (Adaption Nursing) model.

"The program seems to be well supported by the clinical agencies. Representatives from nursing service with whom the visitor (Ms. Legg) held discussions are supportive of the students and are pleased with the performance of graduates from the program."

Recession takes toll on tourism students

For tourism students, this year's co-op placements will depend largely on a student's willingness to search for work and possibly relocate.

"The recession has taken its effect, Wilma Puttee, co-operative education counsellor at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, said. "We have local employers who haven't been able to support us as in other years. (With other employers there is) a wait-and-see attitude to see how the goods and services tax affects them,"she said.

Mrs. Puttee said co-operative education services pre-screens students as to their suitability for the 16-week placement and then sets up interviews with employers. Students may also look for jobs on their own. "I strongly encourage students to use both routes," she said.

As the tourism industry spans the country, there are many opportunities outside the immediate area. Two students are working in Orlando, Fla. and there have been openings in areas such as Banff, Alta.

"The more effort students put into locating a job, and the more willing they are to relocate, the better it turns out," Mrs. Puttee said.

Chef's association offers gourmet delight

The Professional Chef's Association of Niagara will host its annual President's Dinner and Awards Evening at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake Feb. 18.

"It's the most prestigious dinner of it kind in the entire region," Chef Albert Cipryk, a culinary arts instructor at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, and the dinner's chairman, said. "Every year the president of the Chef's Association hosts this dinner to honor different people in the industry including professional chefs as well as students."

The awards are based on an individual's contribution to the culinary industry as well as involvement in education and training. The awards banquet names the association's Chef of the Year and Apprentice of the Year. Last year's winner of Chef of the Year was Chef David Gibson, an instructor at the school.

Chef Cipryk has been included in this year's initial nominations for Chef of the Year. Other chefs may still be nominated. Those eligible for Apprentice of the Year remain to be chosen.

The seven-course dinner is open to the public and serves as an excellent introduction to fine dining. "It's very much an education," Chef Cipryk said. "We introduce each course, talk about how it was put together and what the ingredients are.

"Each course is also served with a complementary wine which is explained as to how and why it was chosen. It's interesting for people who have never attended one of these dinners before," he said.

Chef Cipryk said past dinners were festive occasions decorated with ice and tallow sculptures and highlighted by prize drawings. In addition to winners receiving cases of wine and free dinners, last year's grand prize was a hot-air balloon ride.

Tickets cost $75 a person and can be obtained by contacting Chef Cipryk (ext. 639) or Chef Stanley West (ext. 621) at 374-7454.

It's a first

Mack's nurses top the record

Taking first place in registration examinations has distinguished the first graduating class of Mack's part-time nursing assistant program.

"I'm very proud of the students and the staff," Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said.

Five colleges' programs wrote the exams in October. The 33 Mack students placed highest. The previous NA class, who studied full time, placed fifth of 34 last June, Miss Cunningham said.

The part-time program ran for 2½ years, Miss Cunningham said. Many of the students worked while attending the program.

Fund-raising fashion show displays creative designs

A fashion show presented by the teachers and students from the Continuing Education Sewing and Patternmaking Techniques Certificate program will be held Feb. 7.

The show, open to the public, takes place at the college's main cafeteria from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"The show is designed to raise the level of awareness of the program within the community," Sue Tallon, development officer Continuing Education Division, said.

All proceeds go toward the purchase of a new Serger sewing machine and other equipment. Fashions being displayed are custom designed by the students in the program, but will not be for sale.

There are 800 tickets available for the event with refreshments and door prizes.

Among the door prizes to be drawn is a Serger sewing machine, valued at $750, donated by Bernard's Sewing Plus, 117 East Main St., Welland. A $100 gift certificate, donated by Duthlers Textiles Ltd., 45 James St., St. Catharines.

Tickets, which cost $10, are available by contacting Eve Fenwick at 892-6069, Linda Nelson at 641-1948, Nancy Turpin at 734-3641 or Sue Tallon, Ext. 516.

Applications being taken

Applications are being taken for the 1991 Rose Queen Contest slated for this June.

Shirley Ann Bukovac, publicity *director, Welland Rose Festival* Inc., said applicants must be single, between the ages of 18 and 22 years and reside in Welland.

Application deadline is Feb. 4.

Application forms are available from Crazy Lee's in the Rose City Plaza, The Welland Heritage Council on Division Street, Welland and Coles Book Store in the Seaway Mall.

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Former hospital director accepts college position

Niagara College has a new vice-president of student life and human resources.

Carol Boettcher, director of human resources at Humber College in Toronto, begins her job March 4.

"On the basis of the recommendations of the members of the selection committee, she was identified as the successful candidate for the position," John Saso, college president, said. "Her office will be located central to the main complex (Welland campus), the exact location of which will be decided by the end of January."

It is Mrs. Boettcher's first job in the community college system.

"The truly exciting thing about colleges is the student," Mrs. Boettcher states in a press release issued through the president's office.

Mrs. Boettcher is a former director of human resources at Sunnybrook Medical Centre in Toronto and a former personnel supervisor with the Hudson's Bay Company in Toronto.

"There is a surprising similarity between health care and colleges," she said. "Sufficient resources and rapidly changing technology are but two examples."

Mrs. Boettcher is a graduate of the University of Waterloo and recently obtained her MA from Central Michigan University.

CAROL BOETTCHER

Ships' cooks program sinks

A new program, at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Niagara Falls, to allow ship's cooks to qualify for certification has been cancelled.

"Today (Jan. 14) would have been registration. Tomorrow would have been classes," Chef Stanley West, co-ordinator of culinary arts program, said. "I've ordered all the books; I've ordered the equipment, uniforms. There's a lot of things we've put into place."

Before Christmas, Chef West was approached by several local shipping companies. A new Canadian Coast Guard ruling had ordered that chief cooks on all liners must receive government certification by 1993.

"We were requested to perform a service in the form of training people to upgrade skills and give them qualification," Chef West said.

The program would have been a concentrated version of the cook apprentice program already offered at the college. "We condensed it to 10 weeks (from 15 weeks) with 40 hours of training per week (instead of 30). They would go through the same training as a cook apprentice and be eligible to write the provincial examination."

But, as the program was about to begin, there was not enough interest on the part of the cooks. "There were timing problems," William Ross, vice-president of the East Coast Seafarers International Union of Canada, said. "When we tried to get the members to attend the majority I spoke to had already made commitments." Some of the cooks were still working while others had made vacation plans.

The cancellation of the program on Jan. 11 has left the college with unexpected expenditures. "I hired a teacher to set the curriculum and I also hired two part-time teachers," Chef West said. "I've timetabled all the kitchens. I have someone coming in from Toronto tomorrow to bring me the knives because I've rented the knives for these people. I have all the lab coats for these people and I've bought their books," he said.

"We might have to defer the cost of the program to the college until next January when we hope the program will be offered again."

Mr. Ross is keeping that possibility open. "If we approach (the college) again, we will approach with a confirmed number (of students)," he said.

New program to be offered

A "completion" course for health care aides may be offered in September if Ministry of Colleges and Universities approval is given in time.

The new program, to be offered at the Mack campus, would be open to aides hoping to become nursing assistants (NA), Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said.

The new course would be 28 weeks, down from the present NA course of 36 weeks.

The new program will be a full-time, fee-paying course. Graduates from Niagara's Health Care Aide program will be given the first opportunity to enrol in the new program, Miss Cunningham said.

Woodhouse gets police nod

Mal Woodhouse, the college's health and safety manager, was elected chairman of the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board last Monday.

Having served on the board for two years, Mr. Woodhouse was asked if he would consider the position when the former chairman Denise Taylor stepped down last month.

The board is comprised of five members who elect the chairman. Three members are provincially appointed with two others elected from the Regional Council of Niagara. The board is responsible for enforcing the Police Services Act which, among other things, includes the budgeting for the police force.

Mr. Woodhouse has been a member of council for five years.

Though the Niagara Regional Police Force has had some tough times lately, Mr. Woodhouse said he hopes to change things.

"We've gone through some tough times with this [Colter] inquiry. We've gone along looking over our shoulders so long, it's difficult to look forward," he said.

MAL WOODHOUSE

Community service wins academic credits

By DIANE FOSTER
Staff Writer

Providing community security service earns academic credit for Niagara College Law and Security program students.

Student volunteers work at the Welland arena during Welland Minor Hockey Association games, Ron Shaidle, program co-ordinator, said.

Students collect money at the gate and provide all security after school and on weekends.

For the last two years, students from the college program have provided security for the Little National Hockey League tournaments.

"In return for services rendered, the Welland Minor Hockey Association writes a letter of recommendation for each student to use for future employment," Ric Gage, law and security instructor, said. "This letter helps with the student's portfolio and is something of value for his or her resume."

"There has been a good response from the public," Mr. Gage said. "Parents and the Welland Minor Hockey Association were so pleased with the security provided by the program for the tournament they approached us to provide the security for the arena for the entire year."

Last year the security operations management class did all the scheduling for the arena as a class project," Mr. Gage said. "They ran into some scheduling problems they didn't anticipate, but nothing I didn't foresee."

The 12-student class formed a security company. The first year, 60 students wanted to volunteer.

"It was up to them (the class) to set the project up seeing the needs; doing the scheduling, training and supervision, just as though they were managers in a security company," Mr. Gage said. "It was a good overall hands on experience."

"I could have taken any company and have them put together a hypothetical system, but that doesn't compare with first-hand experience," he said.

Mr. Gage said the Welland Minor Association is pleased with the efforts of the students.

"Revenues have increased dramatically. Last year the revenue was $9,000. This year, till Christmas, it was $13,500. No one sneaks in now."

"There have been some incidences — there was a collapse (a person suffered a heart attack) that the students handled very well, an inebriated fan jumped out onto the ice and chased the referee. The students were successful in removing him from the ice," Mr. Gage said.

"This gave the students the opportunity to review legislative authority as security guards and practise skills of persuasion, " he said. "There has been nothing the students couldn't handle."

Since there is not much opportunity for this type of experience in the program, they take advantage of any opportunity that does arise, Mr. Gage said.

Last November, the security operations management class ensured a "no loss" exhibition for the Greater Niagara Original Miniatures Enthusiasts, he said explaining it was the first time this had occurred.

Two co-op students working in Florida

Two second-year tourism students have received co-op placement at Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Kim Engel and Julie La Victoire will be welcoming guests to the Canadian pavilion at EPCOT Centre as cultural representatives of the world famous attraction. Interviewed in Niagara Falls by Disney representatives in November, they have been in Florida since Jan. 7.

"The first week is in-classroom training," Wilma Puttee, co-operative education counsellor, said. They will be introduced to the park and their new surroundings. As they will be living with many students from such countries as China, Norway and Morocco, much of the training consists of simple duties such as grocery shopping and learning how to work an American washing machine.

Kim and Julie will be sharing an apartment in the Vista Way complex, which was established for members of the World Showcase Cultural Representataive program, with students from other countries. Mrs. Puttee said Canadians are often thought of as the most helpful of the representatives by foreign students who are adjusting to their new surroundings.

Kim will be working at EPCOT Centre for six months while Julie has decided to stay the maximum period of one year.

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Editorials

Cost of college fees

Dilemmas face students

Tuition fees, activity fees, parking fees, locker fees, student centre fees, alumni fees, and book fees plus the additional federal government's goods and services tax are enough to discourage any potential student from attending Niagara College.

The fees automatically charged along with tuition are becoming astronomical. It seems every year a new fee for something is added to the tuition bill. With the recession, students might think efforts could be made to make a college education more affordable. But, on the contrary, costs keep rising.

Charging fees for services not used is an unfair practice. Additional revenues might be generated for the school, but it is an expense most students can't afford.

During the school year, some students have no time to participate in activities for which they have paid a fee. Parking and locker fees are charged, but parking spaces and lockers are not available to all students due to the parking space-student and locker-student ratios; second-year students will not reap the benefits of the student centre; some graduates will not attend any of the alumni events; and textbook prices are high enough without the addition of the GST.

It is time for those who set fees to take another look at the fee-setting policy to determine if there is not a better way to generate funds needed to support the various activities.

Diane Foster

Hallway harassment

Intimidation should end

Walking the gauntlet of sexism by the bookstore is a perilous journey indeed. Setting aside those who are chivalrous gentlemen, there are those who line the walls with clothes-stripping eyeballs and perverted tongues waiting to attack the first unaware female who is exercising her right to use the hallway — without the fear of harassment.

Unfortunately, incidents of sexual harassment have been filtering out from the depths of the corridor of ill-repute. Female instructors passing through have not been left unscathed by the male-dominated tyranny either.

Although the college's new task force on violence is first focusing on violence against women, it appears the hallway of harassment is beyond the realm of the task force's jurisdiction. To be fair, we will have to wait and see whether the hallway is stripped of wandering eyes by the task force before making any final judgment.

It seems for now female students will have to continue shielding themselves behind their school bags and keep their eyes carefully averted from the leering faces on either side of the hallway. For if they don't, they may join the ranks of the sexually harassed at the college.

Tara Grabell

Bullpit

Patience up in smoke

By TARA GRABELL
Staff Writer

How do I elegantly convey an aggravating irritation without using uncivilized words?

I have come to the conclusion it might be possible to discuss the issue of bus shelter smoking by students without losing an air of charming, unassuming concern.

To begin with, I have absolutely nothing against people who enjoy inhaling the noxious fumes of a burning stick of weed. However, I do have a slight, but steadily growing, frustration with student smokers who insist on exercising their right to smoke tirelessly in the confines of the main bus shelter outside the Merritt building, particularly when escape is impossible because of rain or snow.

For those guilty of this once-unquestioned offence, perhaps a few minutes standing in a non-smoker's shoes in a cold, drafty bus shelter breathing those noxious fumes and knowing those fumes are clinging to hair and clothing — leaving a smokestack-like scent behind — might make you think twice before lighting the tip of your cigarette. Unfortunately, removing yourself to the entrance of the bus shelter in hopes of dissipating the smoke by blowing it outside, just doesn't work.

I realize you have paid for the use of the shelter, but I would argue there are those who shelled out as well, perhaps unaware of the possible added expense of drycleaning bills needed to remove the nasty perfume left by that white fog.

If these words, the polite coughing, or the dubious glances are not enough to kill your urge, perhaps your conscience and the tiniest bit of compassion just might.

Bullpit

Beyond the Gulf

By DAVE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

In a break from policy, the Niagara News is publishing two Bullpits this edition, one relating to the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf and how other issues are being ignored.

The column was written prior to the U.S.-led invasion against Iraq.

With war in the Middle East, it seems that other world problems are being ignored.

There is the possibility of a civil war in the Soviet Union. Moscow has invaded the Republic of Lithuania to stop the civil unrest and to keep it in line with the rest of the nation. The Politburo is afraid of losing the once mighty and great Russian empire.

What has happened to Premier Mikhail Gorbachev's *glasnost* policy? Has it finally come to an end? Will we see a more brutal totalitarian state, than that of Joseph Stalin's era, come about?

Speaking of problems that are being ignored, what about the native problem in Canada? The Oka crisis wasn't that long ago. The native situation in Canada has been ignored as of late and still the tension grows. Just a few days ago Mohawks and the Quebec Provincial Police were battling near Oka. The native situation cannot be ignored for much longer, or we will have a far worse problem on our hands.

We haven't heard too much about the apartheid problem in South Africa lately. It is a problem that cannot and should not be ignored by the world. Nelson Mandela recently called for a meeting of all parties in the country to discuss the situation, but unfortunately nothing was accomplished. A few of Mandela's top supporters were killed recently, aggravating the problem.

Israel has used the crisis in the Middle East to further clamp down on the Palestinian people. These people lose more and more of their land everyday as Jewish immigrants settle the occupied territories. The Israeli government continues to ignore their rights.

The recent death of two top PLO members has caused great concern in Israel and has sparked fears of more terrorist attacks. The Palestinians blame the Israelis for the deaths and vow to fight on, while Israel denies any knowledge of the action. They deny any action in the actual event while many in the world believe that they did it or had it done for them.

So remember, even though the crisis in the Persian Gulf is a major concern, there are other problems just as pressing, if not more so in the world today.

Letters

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Red Cross appreciation

On behalf of The Canadian Red Cross Societv — Welland Branch. I would like to express our sincere thanks to the local funeral homes for assisting our organization during the past years by accepting memorial donations.

Since December 1, the funeral homes no longer accept memorial donations. They are, however, continuing to provide memorial cards and have allowed us to place addressed, stamped envelopes in their offices. By requesting these, donors can mail their contributions directly to our office at 593 King St., Welland, L3B 3L1.

We would also like to thank the public for its financial support in the past. Their donations and memorial contributions have greatly assisted us in offering such important community based service programs as Blood Donor Clinics, Sickroom Equipment Loans, Emergency Services and Water Safety.

Sincerely
Susan Regan,
Branch Manager

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593 King St., Welland L3B 3L3

Correction

In the Niagara News, Vol. 21 No. 7 edition, published Jan. 11, 1991, we incorrectly wrote a headline which identified a new employee of Niagara College as a former politician. Dan Patterson, the college's new vice-president of community ventures, is a former federal and provincial civil servant. He was never a politician. We apologize for any inconvenience or embarrassment this may have caused.

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Focus

Engineering battalion ready for call overseas

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Writer

Staff reporter Neville Lewis completed this story prior to the U.S.-led invasion against Iraq.

The world is holding its breath. War no longer appears as a shadow lurking in the foreground; it is now the gruesome picture of a stark reality that must be reckoned with.

The world needs to know whether it should take up arms against a sea brewing with troubles. "How soon?" many ask. While the rest of the world waits, many Americans are ready to take a stand.

The men of the 152nd Engineering Battalion of the New York National Guard are willing to give their lives if necessary to the cause.

Last week, their unit appeared on a worldwide mobilization list meaning they could be called upon at any time in support of Operation Desert Shield — the campaign mounted by the United States to move Iraqi troops from Kuwait. Since then, the armoury at 901 Main St., Niagara Falls, N.Y. has been buzzing with activity as soldiers complete last-minute preparations for a possible call to battle.

Finances have been put into order with wills and other legal issues attended to with the aid of specialists from the headquarters in Lauthan, N.Y. The team helped in the preparation of personal records, medical matters and family assistance support.

"Yes, we're ready," First Lieutenant Peter Gruen, said. He has no doubt of his unit's preparedness by the promptness in which they responded to the alert. "They're preparing their families (in the event of war)."

Although such actions point to the view of many outside the United States' border that the U.S. is rushing to war, Lieut. Gruen disagrees.

"I think we're all reluctant to go to war, but we accept it as our duty. We knew of the possibility that we could actually be called to duty before we joined the National Guard, and we accept it," he said in an interview Sunday.

Although he hopes the situation doesn't reach that point, the lieutenant sees a war coming. "Talks didn't look promising," he said, referring to the breakdown in the Iraqi-American peace negotiations.

Seven hours of talks in Geneva, Switzerland last week between U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Taraq Azziz failed to find a diplomatic solution.

"I think the chances for an armed conflict increased dramatically then," Lieut. Gruen said. He doubted that United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar would have had much better luck when he met with Iraqi leaders in Baghdad. He could not have been more correct. As the secretary-general said in defeat to reporters on his return, "you need two to tango. I very much wanted to dance, but I didn't find a nice lady to dance with."

Midnight Tuesday marked the deadline given to Saddam Hussein to pull out of Kuwait.

Everything so far has failed. What is the alternative?

Sergeant Rendina said he is tired of waiting. "It is now time to move in. Aggression has to be stopped. I'd rather we go in now so that our kids wouldn't have to go."

The sergeant is echoing the post-Vietnam days when the world thought America became involved in a costly and bloody war that was not its own. But at the Main Street armoury, the sentiments precede the Vietnam era. The tone is Europe in 1939, and once again, a ruthless Adolf Hitler must be stopped.

"There are lots of parallels that can be drawn between Saddam Hussein and his invasion of Kuwait, and Hitler and his Blitzkreig war in the early years (of the Second World War) in the minds of Americans," Lieut. Gruen said. "Most people think that if war had stopped Hitler in the early years we could have avoided a protracted war and the loss of many lives."

Sgt. Rendina said there are differences. "But between him and Hitler, I see a lot of the same tactics he (Hitler) used in conquering Europe. Stop him now in his expansion and we wouldn't have a World War Three."

Sergeant Nelson Cirrito, a decorated war hero said it is his duty. "If I'm called up, I'll go. I'll be there in a heartbeat."

"A lot of people think that freedom comes easily, but if you've got to fight for it, it isn't easy,'specialist Patrick Edwards said. "Other people that are unable to fight for freedom look to others who can."

Unlike many Canadians, they do not think the U.S. is rushing to war. Lieut. Gruen said the right steps are being taken. "I think that's what we're doing now: stopping aggression and conquering it before it gets out of hand."

"War is a horrid thing," Lieut. Gruen said. "We don't want to go to war. We do so solely because diplomacy has failed. It's really a shame that this has had to happen. We have no quarrel with the people of Iraq. This war is about aggression and the conquest of another nation."

He and the other officers lament the minimal participation of Canada, Europe and Japan. "I'm disappointed that the Europeans and especially Japan are not footing more of the bill in this operation," he said. "Japan imports nearly 100 per cent of its oil from Kuwait and they stand to suffer most."

Sergeants Rendina (left) and Jesse Cooper display an American flag earlier this week at the 152nd Engineering Battalion in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Photo by Neville Lewis

"The U.S. does not need oil. The rest of the world does. The rest of the world should be in there fighting," Lieut. Gruen said.

Last week's votes in the House of Congress and the Senate authorizing U.S. President George Bush to wage war in the desert convinces Lieut. Gruen that the soldiers abroad have a great deal of support at home. "The American people are solidly behind the soldiers in the Gulf and what they're doing. Protests are not hurting the military morale at all," he said.

"Hussein has been unwilling to negotiate seriously. He's very stubborn. Barring some miracle, I think we're headed for war," the lieutenant said. "He has had enough time to move out," First Sergeant David Przepiera said. "If not, when is it enough? A year? Two years? It could be forever."

"If we don't stop him now, which country is next? I'm 100 per cent behind Bush. I think he's taking the right stance. We gave him time. Party is over. That's it," Sgt. Przepiera said.

The men of the 152nd Engineering Battalion are not sure if they will see action in the Persian Gulf. It is possible they will go to Germany or Korea.

The 152nd Engineering Battallion remains on alert.

Book about Mossad describes ways of deception

By DAVE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With war in the Middle East, there is no better time to read By Way of Deception.

The 371-page hardcover book, by Victor Ostrovsky and Canadian journalist Claire Hoy, describes the inner workings of one of the world's most feared intelligence organization's, the Israeli Mossad.

The prologue describes a Mossad operation which slowly built connections with an Iraqi man studying nuclear reactors in France and how it exploited that relationship.

On June 7, 1981 the culmination of the operation led to the destruction of an Iraqi nuclear facility, by Israeli fighter planes.

The facts of the operation undertaken in France are given as they happened, with some of the names changed to protect still-active agents.

This book gives a detailed description of Mr. Ostrovsky's steps to become a Mossad agent. He describes the intense training program potential agents endure.

Some examples are: Trainees were told to never take the same route home twice and that they would be watched and followed. Training involved being able to spot a tail in a busy city setting. The book also contains appendices that: show organizational charts and documents of the Mossad, Mossad reports on the structure of the Danish Security Services and a questionaire on the military preparedness of the Syrian army.

Mr. Hoy and Mr. Ostrovsky fail to go into much detail on actual operations in which Mr. Ostrovsky was involved. Overall, the book does take a good look at one agent's life in the Mossad.

The authors do, however, go into great detail on other missions in the years that Mr. Ostrovsky was a cadet and agent. He had access to a great number of files throughout his career. Both authors use this to their advantage.

The book is published by Stoddart Publishing in Toronto and costs $29.95 at local Coles Book Stores.

Paperback club offers free book

Unlike the foreboding of the 11th hour, the purchase of the 11th paperback at Beattie's Stationery in St. Catharines offers a bonus to Paperback Club members.

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"It really is a big hit," Shirley Lockhart, bookbuyer and Beattie's bookshop manager, said.

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A staff member will write the customer's name, address, and date of purchase on a file card. Each time the customer buys a book, it is recorded on the card by asking staff to do so, Mrs. Lockhart said.

After 10 purchases, the customer receives the 11th book free. There is a six dollar price limit on the free book but the customer can pay the difference if a more expensive book is chosen. Then, a new card is started.

For more information on Beattie's Paperback Club, call 688-4040, or visit 14 Queen St., St. Catharines.

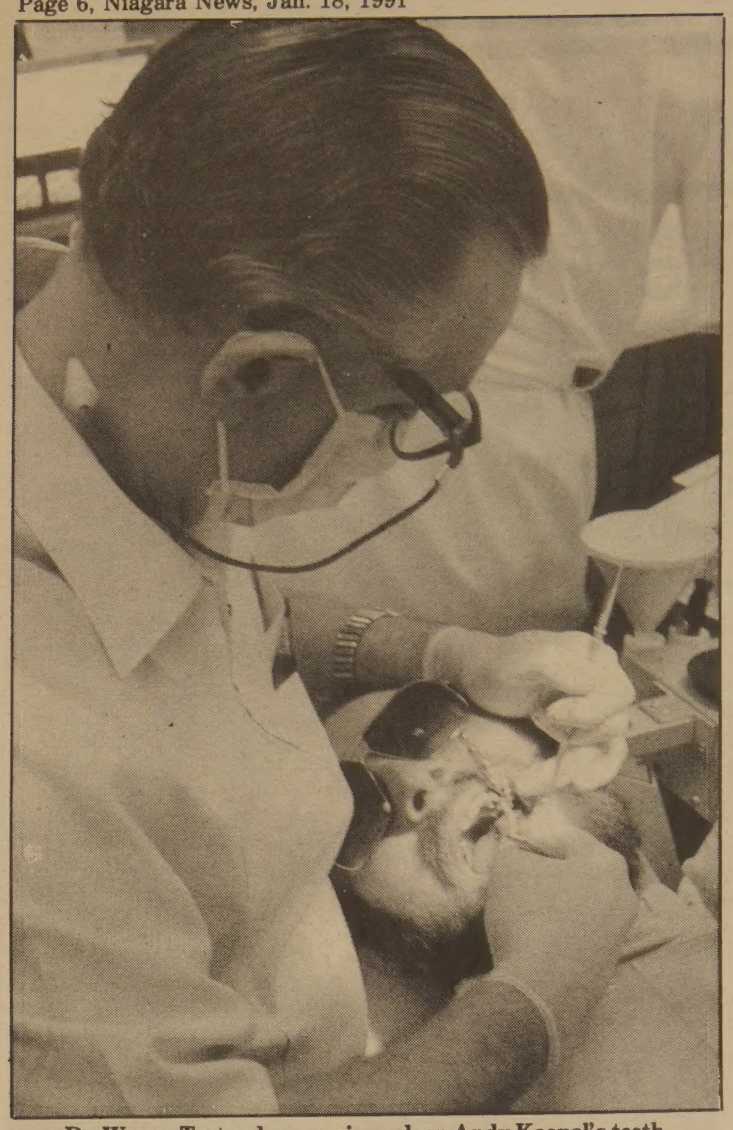
Students' views welcome

Participation, especially by students, in the Task Force Dealing with the Problem of Violence is welcomed and encouraged by John Saso, college president, his office stated yesterday.

A meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 3:30 p.m. in the College Board Room, Hennepin Hall, for all staff and students interested in serving on the task force.

A news release from the President's Office states during the meeting, the role and mandate of the task force will be discussed, members will be selected and the appointed members will elect their chair.

Anyone who can't attend but wishes to submit his/her written suggestions or ideas for consideration may forward comments to the President's Office by Jan. 22.



Dr. Wayne Tester does repair work on Andy Koopal's teeth during the dental assistant program's dental clinic.
Photo by Diane Foster

Dental clinic offers service

The Niagara College Dental Clinic offers free examination and X-rays to Niagara College students, faculty, and the public.

Fillings and extractions are done at a minimal cost.

"The dentists on duty at all clinics are licenced, with private practices of their own," Billie Atkinson, program co-ordinator, said. "The dentists are assisted by the dental assistant students."

The Dental Assistant program is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Clinics began last week and continue for another six weeks. Appointments can be made for February by telephoning 735-2211 ext. 758. Clinic hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Scheduling conflict: poor space utilization

By DIANE FOSTER
Staff Writer

A conflict with scheduling of Room S109 is evidence of the need for the college to look at a master plan — all the classes in the college — to begin to set a plan in place to utilize all space available, Hans van der Slagt, acting vice president academic, said.

The issue will be going to the Board of Governors later this month.

The Early Childhood Education program and the Legal Assistant program both need access to an open concept room like S109.

S109 is the only open concept classroom at the college, and the Early Childhood Education program has had access to it for five to six hours per week until this winter.

"The value of a classroom like S109 has not been understood throughout the college," Bob Baddeley, director of community services division, said. "It is the only area in the college designed to be of use by classes that need to use movement, creative expression I suppose, in their class work."

"The classroom is used with children in music to express themselves," Mr. Baddeley said. "We want to establish the need for such a room on campus."

Mr. van der Slagt said there is more requirement for such a space than there is space available.

"There are two conflicting demands for the space," he said.

The Legal Assistant program want the room for project work, while the Early Childhood Education program want the room for work with children.

The numbers increased in the Legal Assistant program making the old facilities too small, he said.

"The office they were using was too small and inadequate. S106 was being used five to six hours per week for drama type purposes. A compromise didn't work between the two programs and a decision had to be made," Mr. van der Slagt said. "We don't have any other classroom in the college that fills that requirement."

There were more than 50 students in the Legal Assistant program in September who needed work room. "Early Childhood Education only used the room six hours a week," Mr. van der Slagt said. "It's not a classroom that can be utilized more than that because it is adjacent to offices and causes disruption."

Two electives had to be cancelled and some of the other teachers are having difficulty, Mr. van der Slagt said.

"We are open to suggestions if staff can suggest an area free for that period that can be utilized," he said.

Parking at Brock University varies from college system

By RICHARD DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

Parking meters. Reserved spaces. Daily parking rates.

Although the parking system at Brock University may seem very different than at Niagara College, and in some ways it is, it also shares certain similarities.

"Nobody likes to pay [for parking]," Alan Pedler, director of administrative services at Brock University, said. "So, you're always going to find people squawking about having to pay."

With an enrolment of about 10,000 students, the university's parking situation is on a larger scale than Niagara's. Brock University has more than 2,500 parking spaces attended by a 10-person crew and 14 members of the Brock campus police.

As with the college, Brock's parking is overseen by a committee with representatives from the faculty, staff and student body.

There are similarities in that parking is hard to find at the beginning of the school year with peak hours throughout the week.

"We have a lot of schemozzle at the beginning of the year," Mr. Pedler said. "But, things tend to find their level after the first two weeks."

The peak hours see most of the 2,554 spaces filled. "It varies," Mike Terpak, inspector, Brock campus police, said. "Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays are heavy days. It's tight."

"On a very busy day, we're jammed," Mr. Pedler said.

FEES, PERMITS VARY

Instead of the once-a-year fee and permits that Niagara College uses, parking can be paid for in several different ways at Brock.

There are 945 free spaces as well as reserved parking. Paid parking costs 75 cents per entry. Reserved parking, a designated area of the paid parking lot, guarantees a parking place and costs about $200 from September to May. Other reserved spaces can cost more or less, but the $200 level is the most used.

"Our reserved spaces are open to faculty, staff and students," Mr. Pedler said. Although the amount of area for these spaces is limited, "nobody who wanted a reserved space did not get their wish fulfilled. Everybody who applied got one,"he said.

There are vouchers for sale to park in an attended lot. The vouchers are sold in books of 22 for $15. "It works out to about 30 cents to park," Mr. Pedler said.

To aid those stopping for a short time, parking meters have been installed with durations of an hour and 90 minutes.

As with the college, the parking tickets given out are from the city and not the school. "If you don't react within 15 days you're automatically found guilty," Mr. Terpak said. "When you go to get your licence plates renewed you have to pay the fine first."

BEATING THE SYSTEM

Another unfortunate similarity with the college are those who try to beat the system. "You get that all the time," Mr. Terpak said. "There's no two ways about it, they're going to try if they can get away with it."

Brock has gone to a sticker system on the car windshield, but did use the "hang-tough" permits similar to the college's which are hung over the car's rear-view-mirror support post.

"We had problems with people having their hang-toughs stolen and other people using them," Mr. Terpak said.

If a car was found with a stolen permit, its owner was charged with possession of stolen property, the car was ticketed and then towed away," he said. "Then the person pays for the tow job, the ticket and could be charged."

Other problems have involved people trying to beat the automatic lift gates used at night. People lifting the gates to let their car under or tailgating the car ahead could be charged with trespassing. "That's a $53.75 charge," Mr. Trepak said. "For 75 cents are you going to take the chance? We get quite a few. They try, they get caught and they get charged."

"The message gets around fast," Mr. Pedler said. "You can cheat, but we've caught a lot of people too."

INITIATIVES TAKEN

Brock is undertaking initiatives to make the situation easier. Cars with four people in them park for free. New bus routes have been added in hopes of cutting down on more parking.

The Brock Bullet is a St. Catharines Transit Commission bus which provides express service from the downtown bus station. Bus service has started from Thorold.

Both schools raised the parking fees last September. Brock raised its daily rates from 50 cents to 75 cents. "We don't look at parking as a profit maker," Mr. Pedler said. "There's no government funding for parking lots. We're carrying about a $330,000 debt for parking lots. We've built a couple, we've paved some, we put in lighting and we installed emergency phones."

"If things stay the way they are, we should pay that off in the next year-and-a-half."

To some, the idea of paying for parking will always be a contentious one. "It took me two years to figure out that people weren't complaining about a lack of space, they were complaining about a lack of free space," Mr. Pedler said. "There's a psychology to parking. What everybody wants is free parking and to be close to class."

The parking issue is not only a Niagara College concern. Anywhere people must pay to park similar complaints are heard.

For Mr. Pedler and Mr. Terpak, the system is running as smoothly as possible."It's running pretty good for the nature of the beast," Mr. Pedler said.

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No blood, no horror in Andrews' novel

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

"Momma once told me that she and Daddy named me Dawn because I was born at the break of day. That was the first of a thousand lies Momma and Daddy would tell me and my brother Jimmy. Of course, we wouldn't know they were lies, not for a long time, not until the day they came to take us away." So begins V. C. Andrews' latest novel, Dawn.

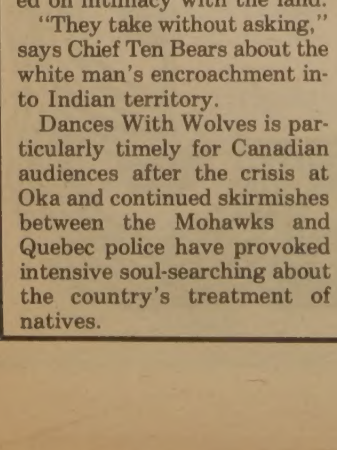
Die-hard V. C. Andrews fans may be disappointed to discover Dawn is not a horror novel. Unlike the Dollganger family and Casteel family series, Dawn has no blood, no murder, no gore, no dark attics.

Dawn does, however, have the nasty grandmother, the betraying mother, and the confusing search for identity and self-knowledge common to all V. C. Andrews books.

Dawn Longchamp grows up believing she was born to a poor family of migrants. After her mother's death, she discovers her sister. Her boyfriend is now her brother.

The book focuses on Dawn's reactions to her new family and vice-versa. Struggling to find her niche in the family, she tries to discover who she really is — physically, emotionally, and mentally.

The author, Virginia Andrews, became seriously ill while writing the Casteel series. In an introduction to Dawn, the Andrews family explains that, after Ms. Andrews' death, they hired a writer "to organize and complete Virginia's stories and to expand upon them by creating additional novels inspired by her wonderful storytelling genius."



Book review

Dawn is a readable book. Those who found it hard to follow the storylines of My Sweet Audrina and If There Be Thorns will be relieved to find that Dawn is a book that flows. The plot, at times, is so smoothly written, the reader can predict the next action.

Dawn, Ms. Andrews' 12th novel, is the first in a series. The family has published a new V. C. Andrews novel annually since her death. Dawn was released in November 1990.

Published by Pocket Books, Dawn is available in paperback at most bookstores for $6.95. The Casteel series (Heaven, Dark Angel), the Dollganger stories (Flowers in the Attic, Petals on the Wind), and My Sweet Audrina are available in most bookstores.

Some people will do anything to make a dollar — and these two are no exception. Third-year radio students Doug Ryckman, left, and Bill Trapp display some of the records that CRNC will be selling to raise money.

Photo by Robert A. Finlay

'Final vinyl blowout'

Campus Radio Niagara College is having a "final vinyl blowout" — and all Niagara students are invited.

Over 400 record albums, Extended Plays and compact discs will go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 23 in front of the mini-cafeteria on the Welland campus.

Prices will range from $2.50 and less for albums and $10 and less for compact discs. The goods and services tax will be included in the price, "just like Woolco", as one of CRNC's staff said.

As an added bonus, each purchaser will be eligible to win one hour of limousine service or either a compact disc or tape prize. Hourly draws will be made for the three hours of limousine service as well as the music prizes.

Proceeds of the sale will be used to purchase more compact discs for the CRNC tape library. Limousine prizes are courtesy of Home James Limo Service, J'n'J Limo Service and Regal Limousine Service.

Renowned Canadian artist to visit college

Leslie B. DeMille, one of Canada's foremost portrait artists, will visit Niagara College Jan. 25-27 to give a lecture/demonstration and a two-day workshop as part of his Canadian Tour.

Mr. DeMille, born and raised in Hamilton, Ont., is a world renowned painter, sculptor, and author. He will be holding similar lectures throughout the peninsula while exhibiting his 40 newest works at Hamilton Place in Hamilton until the end of January.

Tickets for the Friday, Jan. 25 lecture are $15 per person. The session will be held in the Secord Room from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mr. DeMille will lecture about and demonstrate at least two paintings and give extensive information on color and technique, followed by a question and answer time. The three-hour session is open to the public, but seating is limited.

The two-day workshop will be held Saturday, Jan. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 27. Seating is limited to 20 people.

The workshop will be held in the Black Walnut Building and is intended for experienced artists only. It will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Mr. DeMille will demonstrate technique periodically both days.

People wishing to attend the workshop must bring their own equipment. There will be a one hour lunch included in the workshop ticket price.

A complete list of materials needed and ticket information can be obtained by contacting Joan Warbis, Development Officer Contract Department, at 735-2211, 382-2383, 688-1380, 384-9760 or Ext. 459.

Dances with Wolves a triumph

By CATHERINE DENISON
Staff Writer

From Farley Mowat's Never Cry Wolf to Kevin Costner's Dances With Wolves is a long passage backwards in time to the majestic, verdant, unpopulated plains of South Dakota in 1863 when the Lacota Sioux needed no white man to tell them about wolves.

The central character, Lieut. John J. Dunbar, gradually forges a playful friendship with the wolf he names Two Socks — a movie title reminiscent of a Rousseauian yearning for a deeper relationship with nature to which modern-day audiences will respond.

Dances With Wolves is Mr. Costner's triumphant directorial debut. He also coproduces and stars in this stirring, three-hour Western epic that brilliantly depicts how the coming of the white man destroys the Sioux culture based on intimacy with the land.

"They take without asking," says Chief Ten Bears about the white man's encroachment into Indian territory.

Dances With Wolves is particularly timely for Canadian audiences after the crisis at Oka and continued skirmishes between the Mohawks and Quebec police have provoked intensive soul-searching about the country's treatment of natives.

The framework for this sweeping epic is the personal odyssey of Dunbar who is eventually forced to choose between the values of his own culture and those of the Lakota Sioux.

In the opening of the film, Lt. Dunbar attempts a desperate suicidal run between Union and Confederate lines in Tennessee to escape the savage inanities of the Civil War. Miraculously, he survives and as a reward for heroic conduct (more inanities), he chooses to transfer to Fort Sedgewick, an outpost on the furthermost edge of the frontier which turns out to be an abandoned cabin in the middle of nowhere.

Movie review

This isolation gives Lt. Dunbar the necessary solitude and distance from his culture to examine and re-formulate his values. In response to his bravery and sensitivity, Kicking Bird, a Sioux holy man, played superlatively by Graham Green, an Oneida from the Six Nations reserve, encourages his people to allow Lt. Dunbar to share their way of life. He eventually falls in love with Stands With a Fist (Mary McDonnell), a white woman adopted by the Sioux as a child after her family was slaughtered by the Pawnees.

The scenes which explore Lt. Dunbar's encounters with the Sioux are filled with a touching and gentle humor. Finally, the audience is treated to a film which replaces the cultural stereo-typing of Rin Tin Tin "Injuns" with fully drawn, three dimensional characters who have equal dramatic footing with the white characters.

Cinematographer Dean Semler's first, spectacular widescreen images of the Sioux settlement conjure up the Garden of Eden. But this paradise too has its serpents — the Pawnees, a neighboring tribe, protrayed as brutish aggressors.

To its credit, Mr. Costner's film does not fall victim to black and white cultural portrayals. Good and bad exist in both the native and white man's cultures.

By the end of the film, the disappearance of the Sioux way of life is imminent — along with their homes and the buffalo. What survives through time and rises like a phoenix from the carnage of the white man's aggression are the nobler qualities of men like Lt. Dunbar and his Sioux friend who utters the final words in the film: "I am Wind in His Hair and you know that I will always be your friend."

Dances With Wolves is a film that dances with heart.

Blue box confusion abounds

Reduce, reuse, recycle has become the mantra of the 90s. Yet confusion seems to abound as to what to recycle.

Collectable items in the Niagara region include cans (rinse them), glass (remove lids), newspapers (bundled) and two-litre pop bottles. No other plastic goods are accepted.

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- Don't keep your cigarettes handy — put them in a drawer or coat pocket so you must get up every time you want one. This nuisance factor alone will inhibit your smoking enough to reduce it by *one-third*. Carry whole cloves or sugarless gum where you normally carry your cigarettes.
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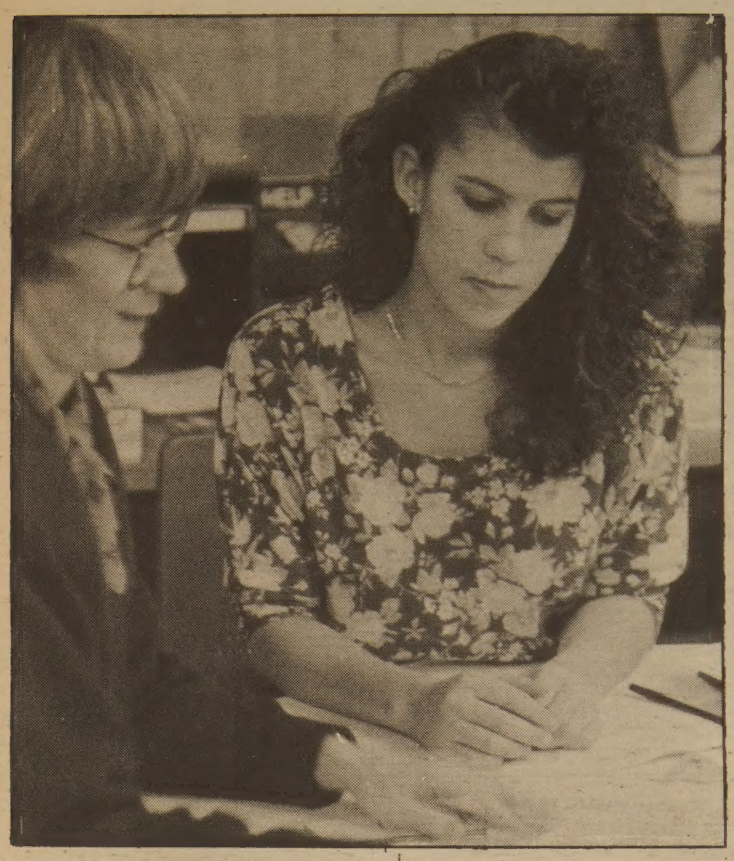

Pat Cicci, co-ordinator peer tutoring, gives career advice to Nicole Weagant, first-year dental assistant student.
Photo by Karen Gibson

Armed Forces applications on the rise

The Gulf war resulted in an increase of people seeking information and applying at the Canadian Armed Forces recruiting office in St. Catharines yesterday.

On Wednesday people were applying because of the local economy, but yesterday they were applying because of the war, Captain Doug Begeaud at the recruiting office, said.

"It's been nuts here," he said.

About 20 men went to the 241 St. Paul St. office before 10:30 a.m. yesterday inquiring about jobs in the reserve and regular forces.

They were definitely here because of the situation in the Persian Gulf, Capt. Begeaud said.

Men and women who are interested in applying must be 17 years old with Grade 10 education and to join the regular force must be a Canadian citizen.

"We are really looking for Navy people," Capt. Begeaud said. Anyone who is interested in technology and wants to be in the Navy should apply.

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Downstairs, in the sixth row of reference materials, on the second shelf from the bottom — REF HF5381 — are two volumes of Encyclopedia of Careers.

The books list occupations, nature of work, requirements, ways to enter the workforce and advancement.

Three areas in the college offer career help.

The peer tutoring office in the library has a career planning assistance package containing questionnaires on occupations, work experience and leisure activities. Job interview videotapes are available.

Career Counselling, in the Merritt Building, offers career help during a scheduled appointment time. After filling out a questionnaire, a counsellor will help you decide which career you want to pursue.

Career Services, in the Tecumseh Building, offers help with resume writing and job placement.

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Sports

Pandemonium reigns as Bills victorious

By DAVID REMPEL
Staff Writer

David Rempel was one of 80,000 football fans who attended last week's Buffalo Bills game at Rich Stadium. This is his impression of the crowd.

Pandemonium.

The word is synonymous with confusion and lawlessness, conjuring images of an uncontrollable situation where chaos reigns supreme.

It is fitting then, that pandemonium was the word used by Buffalo sportscaster Van Miller, in describing the reaction of the crowd at Rich Stadium last Saturday, when the Buffalo Bills soundly thrashed the Miami Dolphins, 44-34.

Pandemonium it was.

To the uninitiated, the crowd at Rich Stadium can be intimidating. With a seating capacity of more than 80,000 people, Rich Stadium is not merely one of the largest outdoor facilities in North America, but a titanic, deafening wall of people.

Feeling claustrophobic in such an open space may sound strange, but claustrophobia is the closest synonym to what one feels when surrounded by some of the most rabid football fans anywhere.

And rabid they are. Four weeks ago, when the Bills won the American Football Conference East Championship — possibly the most important game of their season — the crowd streamed onto the field, tore down the goalposts and tore up the turf, causing thousands of dollars of damage. Because of this, beer sales were prohibited at the following playoff games at Rich Stadium.

Last week, at the end of the third quarter, security guards filed along the field's perimeter, joined by guards on horseback and guards with dogs, to protect the field and the new goalposts, which were ironically, made in Miami.

If the crowd wanted to express its joy over the Bills' victory by vandalizing the field again, it is doubtful 50 or 60 brave security guards could dissuade such a huge number. But fortunately for them, the crowd behaved itself, and the guards were able to breathe a collective sigh of relief.

This Sunday, the Bills face their toughest challengers, the Los Angeles Raiders. If Los Angeles wins, there will undoubtedly be 80,000 surly Bills' fans roaming the streets. If Buffalo wins, clinching the AFC Championship, the hearts of many Bills' fans will follow their team to Tampa, where the boys in blue will play in their first Super Bowl.

Guards and dogs won this week. But this Sunday, who knows? However, there is no doubt, pandemonium will reign on the field regardless of which team wins.

A Niagara Knight fights for the puck which is under the pads of the Welland All Star high school team. The Knights went on to win the game 12-4.

Photo by Dave Johnson

Knights beat All-Star team

The South Niagara Secondary Schools All Star team lost 12-4 to the Niagara Knights in a charity hockey challenge Saturday at the Welland Arena.

Niagara was up 2-0 at the end of the first period. In the second, the Knights opened up an 8-1 lead.

Lance Parcher, Kent Loach and Mike Duerden led the Knights with two goals each.

Despite the loss, Andy Roy, coach of the all-star team, was not unhappy with the game.

Since the annual charity game's inception eight years ago, the high school students have yet to win.

"We kept it close in the first period, but we had some players who during the regular season would not look at each other. Now they are playing together," Mr. Roy said.

Each year, the gate receipts go to charity. This year the proceeds will benefit the Pat Hayhurst Memorial Fund, named in honor of the head of the physical education department at Welland's Centennial High School who died late last year.

The game gave Knights' coach Fred Bassi an opportunity to see the top players from 10 area high schools, some of whom might attend Niagara.

Snowmobiles 'absolutely' safe to ride

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

Henry Bieda knows snowmobiling. After all, anyone who can ride a snowmobile across Lake Ontario in August must qualify as an expert.

Since his record-setting stunt in 1988 when he rode the 38 miles from Port Dalhousie to Hanlon's Point on the opposite shore of Lake Ontario, Mr. Bieda has become a local legend, garnering attention for his efforts to promote his farm and sport equipment business in Fenwick.

He is concerned, however, about the publicity in the death of Mark Cummins, 21, who died Jan. 8 while riding his snowmobile through a Pelham schoolyard.

Mr. Bieda said the accident, while a tragedy, "shouldn't be used as an example to ruin the sport for everyone."

"I believe this accident has been blown out of proportion.... Snowmobiling is a safe sport, if it is properly implemented," he said.

Mr. Bieda said any motor sport such as snowmobiling requires caution and common sense. While accidents do happen, he said the percentages are low compared to other sports.

"I believe there are more downhill skiing accidents than snowmobile accidents."

Currently, only those under 16 years old must have a licence or safety training to operate a snowmobile; anyone over 16 may operate one without registration or licencing.

OFF-ROAD MACHINES

Snowmobiles have historically been off-road machines designed to go places where other vehicles could not. The trend has been to add speed to this equation, making safety and caution important to even the most casual snowmobiler.

"Hardly a snowmobile made now won't do 60 miles per hour or better," Mr. Bieda said.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Mr. Bieda suggested several steps snowmobilers can take to ensure safety: check equipment on the vehicle, including kill switches, throttle and lights; check safety equipment such as helmet, gloves and heavy snowsuit; if riding through unfamiliar areas, proceed cautiously and be aware of snow-covered objects.

Stumps, barbed wire and other obstacles can become entirely hidden in snow drifts, making them dangerous for the snowmobiler.

"I know I've taken some risks, but safety is important.... I could have been injured, but I wasn't. I was lucky," Mr. Bieda said.

Sports Schedule

A tournament this weekend highlights the remaining women's volleyball schedule at Niagara College. The tournament begins in the gym Saturday.

Meanwhile, here is the remaining schedule for the men's hockey team:

Saturday, Jan. 19 against the University of Buffalo.
Saturday, Feb. 2 against Buffalo State.
Saturday, Feb. 9 a scheduled exhibition game.
Saturday, Feb. 16 against Conestoga College from Kitchner.
Saturday, March 2 against Erie Community College from Buffalo.

All games are played at the Welland Arena beginning at 8 p.m.

The men's remaining volleyball schedule includes a tournament Saturday, Feb. 2 in the Niagara College gym.

Staff dig deep for charity raise more than $18,000

Congratulations to the staff and employees of Niagara College.

Despite a weakening economy, Niagara College staff and employees raised the most money ever in the annual United Way school campaign.

More than $18,000 was collected in December, a whopping increase of 29 per cent over last year.

"It's very heartening," John Parrett, campaign chairman and college registrar, said.

The success of the campaign is credited to 25 volunteers who canvassed staff and faculty, he said.

Despite only a $500 donation coming from the Student Administrative Council this year, Mr. Parrett said he is positive students will raise more money next year with better organization.

"I hope next year we ll nave more student participation," he said.

Some plans for next year's drive include 50/50 draws and other student-faculty activities.

"Next year we can easily exceed $20,000," he said.

Next year's campaign will be chaired by Jon Ogryzlo, manager of planning, research and development.

The United Way of South Niagara fell short of its goal by seven per cent at the close of its campaign in December. Because of the shortfall, some agencies will be asked to reduce their services, Mr. Parrett said.

Gift vouchers: Giving the gift of learning

For the person who has everything, Continuing Education has the perfect gift — Niagara College Continuing Education gift vouchers.

"They (the vouchers) provide an opportunity to give the gift of learning through a voucher," Shirley Tomovic, continuing education development officer, said.

The vouchers were introduced last October and are available at the Continuing Education office. They can be purchased in $10, $25 and $50 denominations and paid by cash, charge or cheque.

The response to the vouchers has been slow, said Ms. Tomovic, due to the vouchers' newness and the lack of promotion. The vouchers have been promoted mainly by word of mouth.

The vouchers cannot be redeemed for cash but can be redeemed at any time towards Continuing Education courses. They cannot be used for full-time classes.

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Spicer implores students to stand up, speak out

By KEITH SPICER
Chairman
Citizens' Forum
on Canada's Future

Special to the Niagara News

The times they are a changin'. But this time it's not the young telling the old how change is coming, change is darkly coming by itself. Canada is threatened by social and political disorder for which no one wants to take responsibility, and there are no day-saving heroes or heroines waiting in the wings.

There is a serious chance this country may break up along regional and linguistic fault lines, to the surprise and dismay of most of the 26 million spectators.

Now is the time for students and all young people — who have the most to lose and win — to step onto the stage and take some responsibility for their future. It's time for students to take the lead again, because the older generations may have so fouled things up that the country needs an entirely new way of thinking about itself.

The Citizen's Forum on Canada's Future has been set up to help Canadians discover this new way of thinking — and, perhaps in doing so, discover themselves. The Forum is an independent, non-partisan group of a dozen Canadians with a wide range of backgrounds and beliefs, which has been asked by the government to report by July 1, 1991, on Canadians' ideas for their country's future.

Think of the Forum as a chance to break an intellectual and emotional logjam — as making it possible for Canadians to talk to each other again, and particularly to listen to each other again.

RESHAPING CANADA

The Forum wants to make it easier for all Canadians to help reshape their country — and it will especially seek out Canadians who aren't used to speaking up, or speaking out. And it is meant to be an exercise in grassroots democracy: its emphasis is on **listening.**

In addition to the well-known and vital issue of Quebec, we want to hear about the fundamental but delicate questions politicians often shunt aside. These could include the rights of women, children, the handicapped, and minorities of all kinds; regionalism, evolving multiculturalism; aboriginal rights; a greying society; violence; sagging research; and education and training ill-fitted to the 21st century.

The Forum especially wants students' ideas on how to respect the dignity of, and to bring together, groups across Canada feeling left out: westerners, northerners, ethnocultural Canadians, Atlantic Canadians and, of course, Quebeckers.

It's not as easy as it used to be to dabble in politics or join crusades for noble causes. Bob Dylan's celebrated political generation spent more money than you do, and typically worked less hard at school, because there was more money then and more jobs were available.

When students want to change things today, they must often make personal sacrifices. But your help is crucial in getting Canadians to understand each other better, because ignorance, distrust and sometimes outright selfishness are killing the country.

Don't think individuals can't make a difference: I was an overworked, underfunded, even pre-Dylan student when I co-founded what quickly became CUSO. And I worked as a student on the railway while successfully bugging the president of the University of Toronto to set up a course grandly called "Canadian civilization" for foreign students.

POWERFUL ANTIDOTES

I know what students can accomplish — their ideals and drive — and, yes, even their "innocence" — are powerful antidotes for the tired cynicism which clogs the brain cells of every establishment.

If I have hope for Canada, and I have a lot, it's mainly because I believe in the clear-headed idealism, energy and creativity of its young people. Nobody in Canada can make a bigger difference than you if you get out and speak up for your own future.

You can and must make yourselves heard. You can do this by discussing Canada with friends, lovers, professors or anybody with ears — then calling the Forum's "Idea Line": 1-800-66-FORUM to give us your views.

At another level, you can organize a group of five to 20 people to run through one of our two-to-three-hour Group Discussion Kits. These can help you define a new future in a free but focused way that will seriously count in our Final Report.

Or, you can send us letters, essays, even theses if you think these will help. You might ask professors to spend a class discussing the country. Invite the Forum to come to your campus.

To really make things happen, some of you could even form student organizing committees for Canada's Future — as several campuses have. These could rally large numbers of students into discussion groups, make available our kits, and ensure that we get reporting forms from every student you could reach — either in a group or as an individual. To help us help you, we've hired student liaison officers who've temporarily left their studies to work with you.

We'll need a number of students over the next few months to participate in regional and national television discussions. We'll be able to use student volunteers on every campus to help promote and run discussions.

Many campuses have an education commissioner, or student who brings in speakers to address a topical political issue. She or he might like to bring in someone currently in national affairs, or with original ideas about the country, and then hold a discussion afterwards. Then send us the results.

We will listen. Don't think you're dealing with a government bureaucracy. Nearly all of us are from **outside** the government, and we're ferociously separate from it. We've got less than six more months to fulfil our mandate of listening to, and reporting, **your** views.

Whatever you say will appear in some form on July 1 in our Final Report. The Forum's members are not bureaucrats or technocrats — they're something like commandos for dialogue, racing the clock to stir Canadians into talking to and about each other. And into listening to each other.

If you were frustrated last June by seeing 11 politicians try to shape Canada's future behind closed doors, then now is your chance to do it **your** way — personally, publicly, powerfully. Stand up, speak out, and bear witness to the future you want.

You can, of course, stay quiet now. If you do, then later you will have to endure without complaint the country others will have defined and decided for you. Canada is **your** country: Act for it today or pay for it tomorrow.

New campus discussions put on hold

Discussions about a new St. Catharines campus for Niagara College have been put on hold pending the arrival of Dan Patterson, the college's new vice president of community services.

John Saso, college president, has initiated discussions with officials of St. Catharines and the business community about project financing, Hans van der Slagt, acting vice-president, academics, said.

College officials want the new campus to be easily accessible and highly visible, he said.

The college is discussing programming, design and contracts, but no announcement is expected until Mr. Patterson arrives at the school Jan. 28.

The Health Care Aid and Registered Nursing Assistant programs, other health science programs from Mount Carmel and Mack, and the possibility of new programs will move during stage one of the project, he said.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities supports the campus, but funding is to be announced later, he said.

The campus should be under construction within 18 months, Mr. van der Slagt said.

The college is interested in a number of sites in St. Catharines.

Wheeee!

This little girl was one of many children taking advantage of the snowfall that blasted much of Eastern Canada last weekend. Scores of children invaded every slope in Welland's Chippawa park for that split-second thrill.

Photo by Robert A. Finlay

Speech enthralls Collins

For Mike Collins, an English instructor here, attending the recent Ontario Throne Speech was one of the highlights of his life.

Mr. Collins, involved in politics for the past 20 years, said he felt very privileged to attend the historic speech.

"It's the first time the New Democratic Party has been in power in Ontario and I wanted to be there. I also had never been to a Throne Speech before and I really wanted to go," Mr. Collins said.

Peter Kormos, Welland/Thorold MPP, gave Mr. Collins a tour of Queen's Park before the speech. Kormos, who is seventh in the Ontario Cabinet, is a former student of Mr. Collins.

Mr. Collins also met with St. Catharines/Brock MPP Christel Haeck, a former member of the Niagara College Board of Governors.

"Christel is now the assistant to the Minister of Colleges and Universities. I feel with her and Peter Kormos in such high positions, Niagara College has some friends in government," Mr. Collins said.

"The college will benefit from the public education bias of the NDP. We may see an increase in support and funding here at the college. With the government strengthening the service industries, students in programs like social services may benefit also," Mr. Collins said.

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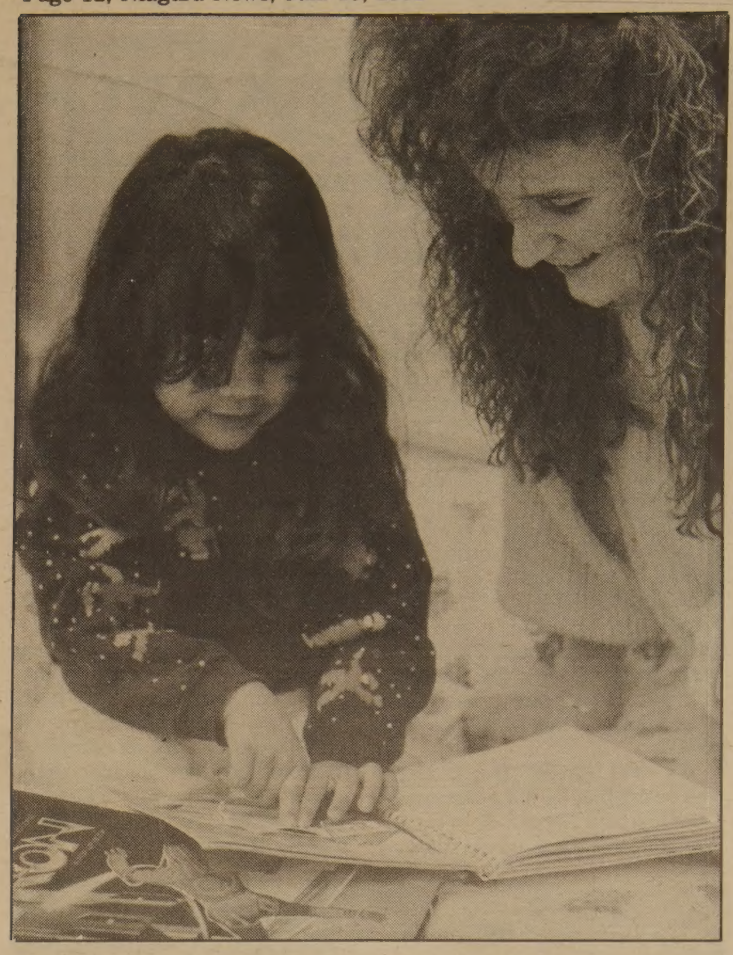


Reading can be fun

Lisa Johnson, student teacher, shows Tamara how much fun learning can be. Tamara enjoys a story during a learning exercise at the Early Childhood Centre Wednesday. The one-on-one activity is an important aspect of the program's training.

Photo by Diane Foster

American holiday

Rev. King Jr.: 'I have a dream'

By CATHERINE DENISON
Staff Writer

"We will not resort to violence. We will not degrade ourselves with hatred. Love will not be returned for hate."

These are the words of Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968). On Monday, Jan. 21, American citizens will celebrate his memory.

In 1983, the U.S. Congress voted to establish the third Monday in January as a national holiday in Rev. King's honor.

Rev. King's words expressed his deep commitment to non-violent tactics as a charismatic leader of the civil rights movement from the mid-'50s until his death by assassination in 1968.

The Rev. King was born in Atlanta, Ga. on Jan. 15, 1929 into a family steeped in the tradition of the Southern black ministry. His father and grandfather were both Baptist ministers. He, too, earned the bachelor of divinity degree at Crozer Theological Seminary where he was influenced by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

In 1955, he received a PhD at Boston University. While in Boston, he met and married Coretta Scott; they had four children.

The Rev. King's deep sense of moral propriety and social injustice was aroused by a racial crisis in 1955 over segregated seating on public buses in Montgomery, Ala. Black activists boycotted the buses and elected Rev. King as their leader.

After a year of mass arrests and physical attacks, the boycotters' use of passive resistance successfully influenced the U.S. Supreme Court to rule bus segregation as unconstitutional.

The Rev. King continued to help lead protest demonstrations throughout the South, and formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to give him a base of operation and a platform from which to speak.

On Aug. 28, 1963, Rev. King joined other civil rights leaders in organizing the historic "March on Washington" at which 250,000 Americans of all faiths, races and creeds assembled in an unprecedented demonstration of solidarity.

It was here the Rev. King delivered the most compelling speech of his career.

"I have a dream," he said often during his fiery oration as many of those present wept openly.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act was passed, which authorized the American federal government to enforce desegregation of public accommodation and outlawed discrimination in pubicly owned facilities and employment.

In December of that year, the Rev. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in civil rights.

As the 1960s wore on, Rev. King broadened his approach to include concerns other than racism. He opposed the war in Vietnam and sought to form a coalition of the poor in all races.

However, young black militants were becoming impatient with Rev. King's passive non-violent tactics.

Early in 1968, the Rev. King flew to Memphis, Tenn. to lead a demonstration of striking sanitation workers. On April 4, he was shot and killed while talking with his staff on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel. James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the murder and was sentenced to 99 years in jail.

In his last address in Memphis, the Rev. King said, " . . . I've been to the mountaintop . . . . I may not get to the promised land with you, but I want you to know . . . . that we as a people will."

Retiree group to be formed for first time

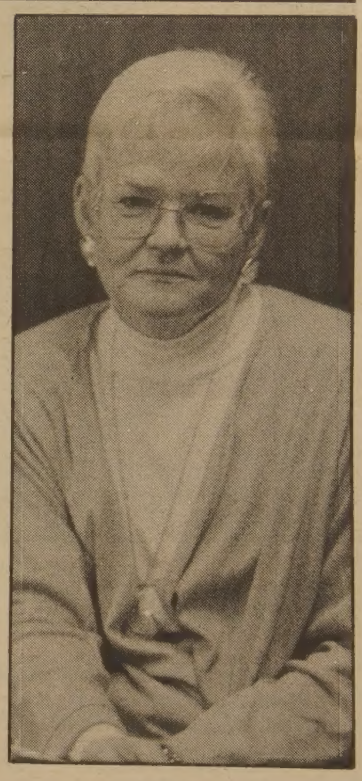
If interest is high, Niagara College retirees will form a first-ever retirees employee association.

"We want something to pull the group together socially and also use the expertise of the group for college activities," Duanne Orr, retired counsellor, said. "It will be mutually beneficial."

Letters have been mailed to about 120 retirees requesting their comments. If enough people are interested, a steering committee will draft a mandate and bylaws. Membership would be voluntary with the right of each member to determine the degree of his or her involvement.

The idea of the association was discussed at the college's wine and cheese party last fall, Mr. Orr said.

"It was the first time the college had a party for all of the retirees," he said. "A lot of people expressed interest. We have given the best part of our lives to the college and want to remain of use to them."



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Training courses begin in February

Volunteer counsellor training courses will begin in February at the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre, Niagara Falls.

Courses run from Feb. 6 to April 16, 7-10 p.m. and Feb. 9 to April 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. Both are held at 5017 Victoria Ave, Niagara Falls.

For more information, or to register, contact Cheri Huys at 1-416-356-6222.

PITCH IN

Pinning banquet for RN students

Ninety-seven third-year registered nursing students received pins at a pinning banquet held Jan. 11 at the Americana Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ont.

The students will enter the pre-grad phase of their course. In pre-grad, they will consolidate skills and theories, Donna Cunningham, director of nursing at Mack campus, said.

The RN students will write mock RN exams, preparing them for the registration exams. The last RN class placed fourth of 23 programs in the registration exams last June.

"They (the present class) intend to come first," Miss Cunningham said.

Enrolment climbing

Enrolment at Niagara College continues to climb.

Nearly 12 per cent more full-time students enrolled at the college, compared to the same time last year.

As of Jan. 11, 3,371 full-time students were enrolled at the college.

The college had to stop enrolment in some programs that were filled, John Parrett, college registrar, said.

Last week, a total of 243 new students registered, almost double the number of last January. Enrolment in the third-year Business Administration program and the Stationary Engineering program has been stopped.

Despite 269 students dropping out after the fall term, the high enrolment for the winter term is being viewed optimistically.

"Let's hope it keeps up," Mr. Parrett said.

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